

**American Legion Auxiliary Winter Park Memorial Unit 112  
General Meeting Minutes**

**November 16, 2021**

The November 2021 general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7:02pm by President, Marge Berrios. The meeting was opened according to ritual. The meeting was conducted via Zoom and was streamed live to our Facebook page.

Members in attendance included:

Marge Berrios

Terry Berrios

Nell Colbert

Guests in attendance were:

Jim Middlekauff, Post 112 Commander

Bob Colbert, Post 112 Adjutant

Marge thanked everyone for coming and asked everyone to keep Debbie, Dyke, and their family in their prayers as their daughter was recently hospitalized with a very serious illness.

Nell confirmed that we have a quorum for this meeting and Marge was granted permission to deviate from the printed agenda should the need arise.

The minutes from the last meeting were emailed to all members. Terry Berrios moved (seconded by Marge Berrios) that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert gave the Treasurer's Report. Terry Berrios moved (seconded by Marge Berrios) that the Treasurer's Report be filed for audit. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert shared items of correspondence received this month including:

- Department *Mail Call* newsletter
- Unit Membership Credit Report – now being send via USPS
- Dept of Agriculture Solicitors Permit renewal paperwork – Nell noted that the renewal application has been filed on-line and we are now waiting on confirmation of the extension.

Jim Middlekauff and Bob Colbert reported on the Post Executive Committee meeting:

- We will meet at 10am at Target on Wednesday, 11/17 to do the Angel tree shopping and will deliver to Lake Baldwin once completed.
- The Post has contracted with a vendor to real the pavilion
- Jim will be meeting with the blood bank to see if we can have the Bloodmobile come to the Post for a blood drive in December.
- Our Legion Family Christmas party is on 12/3 at Perkins on University. An optional gift exchange will be held. Please RSVP to Bob ASAP if you plan to attend as space is limited.
- Our websites have been updated to include annual dues amounts.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Marge called on the Committee Chairs to give their updates if there was activity during the month. Marge reminded everyone to send in their written service hour logs.

- **Constitution and By-Laws:** Nell attended the C & B session at Fall Conference where it was stressed that all units should have updated their documents to reflect the recent changes made by national. Our most recent updated documents have been posted to the Department website.
- **Girls State:** The fee for 2022 will remain at \$400 per girl but this creates an income shortfall, so Department is looking for donations and sponsorships.
- **Membership:** We have one new member, Claudia Caruso – welcome, Claudia. We still have two members who have not paid their 2022 dues – the list of paid members was in the Nov-Dec Legion Family newsletter. We need to get all dues paid before the end of the year. We also need one additional new member to reach our 100% goal of 24 members. Please reach out to your friends and neighbors and encourage them to join us if they are eligible.
- **Poppies:** Department is pushing Little Miss Poppy. Marge noted that we did not do a booth for Veterans Day this year; we need more of our members to step up to help with these activities. We will need to order poppies for Memorial Day.
- **VA & R:** November is Caregiver month; anyone who helps care for a Veteran, whether it is a spouse, child, sibling, or professional paid caregiver, is considered a caregiver. The Legion is pushing Buddy Checks to help prevent Veteran suicide.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Scholastic Books project – Nell reported that the \$250 check payable to Scholastic Books was delivered to the teacher at Eastbrook. Scholastic Books has a program that for \$10 per student in the classroom, they will provide one book each month for the entire school year. Our teacher was thrilled to learn that we would be supporting her students again this year.
- Eastbrook Thanksgiving food pantry project – Marge and Nell did the shopping last week and delivered all the goodies to the school on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Nell noted that we went over budget this year due to the increased costs that have been caused by the pandemic. The Post will donate to the Unit to support this project as they have in the past.
- Eastbrook Veteran's Day program – We again set up our display table at the school to promote the Legion family. We handed each person attending a Poppy and an American flag in addition to literature about the Legion family. The Post's Adjutant, Bob Colbert, greeted the Veterans and talked to them about all the Legion family programs, encouraging them to join our family.
- Legion Angel Tree project – see Commander's notes above from the Executive Committee report. Marge and Nell will assist with the shopping.
- Post Holiday party – Please call or text Bob at 407-619-9611 to let him know you want to come and how many will be in your party.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Veterans Holiday Food basket project – Since the Post was doing their Angel tree shopping on 11/17 and our food baskets go to the VAMC to support our Angel Tree families, we needed to get our shopping done before the 17<sup>th</sup> so the baskets would be ready for delivery on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, Nell and Marge did the shopping on 11/12. This project is complete, and the three baskets will be delivered to Lake Baldwin on the 17<sup>th</sup>. The Post will also support this project as they have in the past.
- December meeting – As our December meeting would usually be held on 12/21, it was agreed that we would consider the Post Holiday Party on 12/3 as our December meeting. We hope everyone can attend.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS:**

- Please RSVP for Post holiday party ASAP.
- No formal December meeting – see you on January 18<sup>th</sup>.

Marge Berrios offered the benediction and then adjourned the meeting at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert  
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_

Nell Colbert, Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Marge Berrios, President \_\_\_\_\_